GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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PRODUCTION OF QUALITATIVE PRODUCTS
PUNNULAL MOHALE

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to issue fresh guidelines/take action against such food processing industries in the country which do not provide qualitative products to customers or charge higher prices;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the other mechanism available to protect the interests of the consumers on this account?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) to (d): The Government regulates hygienic/sanitary conditions for processed fruits and vegetables at manufacturing end under the Fruits Products Order 1955.Non-compliance of the provisions of the Fruits Products Order1955 leads to cancellation of licenses of manufacturing unit. The quality of the food products is regulated under the provisions of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1955. The other mechanism available for protection of consumer interest is the provisions under the Weights and Measures (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 1977 to control Maximum Retail Prices.